

(SRI L. SRIKANTAIAN)

(b) whether they have appointed a new committee to frame the Rules ;

(c) whether the lands would not be granted until the rules are finalised ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) No such orders have been issued.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಲ್. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ.—ಎರಡನೆಯ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಹೌದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಹೊಸ ಕಮಿಟಿ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ? ಏನು ರೋಪದೋಷ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿದೆ ?

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ವಿ. ಕೌಜಲಗಿ.—ಈಗಿದ್ದ ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಆಫ್ ನರಿಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಂದಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಕಾಂಟ್ರಾಡಿಕ್ಟರಿ ಇದೆ. ಎಕ್ಸಿಕ್ಯೂಷನ್ ಮಾಡಲಕ್ಕೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಅಂತ ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡು ನರಿಯಾದ ಮತ್ತೆ ಸಿಂಪರ್ ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಕಮಿಟಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over. Now Short Notice Questions.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

Harassment by Tahsildar, etc., of Sedam Taluk

20. Sri J. P. SARWESH (Serum).—

Will the Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of complaints received against the Tahsildar and the Revenue Inspectors of Sedam (Telegraphic and written) about the harassment ;

(b) the number of persons who have complained (names of their villages may also be furnished) ;

(c) the nature of their complaints ;

(d) whether investigation into all the allegations were ordered ;

(e) the steps taken to give immediate relief to the people of Sedam Taluk ;

(f) will the Government punish the abovementioned officers if the allegations are proved ?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(a) Three telegrams, two complaining against the Tahsildar, Sedam and one complaining against the Tahsildar and the Revenue Inspectors were received. No written complaints have been received.

(b) *No. of persons*

Names of villages

Three

Nachvar
Kadlapur
Adki

(c) That the Revenue Officers insulted and harassed the people in spite of payment of levy.

(d) The Divisional Commissioner, Gulbarga has been asked to enquire into the matter.

(e) The question of relief, if any, will be considered after receipt of the report from the Divisional Commissioner.

(f) Appropriate action based on the nature of the proved allegations will be taken against the concerned.

Sri J. P. SARWESH.—It is stated in reply to (d), that the Divisional Commissioner, Gulbarga, has been asked to enquire into the matter. May I request the Government that an Officer of known integrity from some far-off place outside Gulbarga be appointed to enquire into this complaint? May I also suggest that before the enquiry is started, the officers against whom allegations are made, should be suspended or transferred elsewhere? Will not the Government think that truth will not come out and the corrupt officials will not be punished if enquiry is entrusted to the local officers?

† Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—It may not be possible to comply with the request and suggestion of the hon. Member. We have asked the Divisional Commissioner, Gulbarga, to enquire into the allegations. Unless the hon. Member brings specific allegations against the enquiry officer and is prepared to prove them, it will not be possible for the Government to appoint somebody else to enquire into the matter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಲೇವಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಂತಹ ಜನ ಯಾರು ಇದ್ದಾರೋ ಅಂಥವರಿಗೇ ತಹಸೀದಾರರು ತೊಂದರೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅವರನ್ನು ಜೈಲಿಗೆ ಹಾಕತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಂದಿವೆ. ಅಂಥವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಲಗ್ನ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ವಿಠಲದಾಸ್ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ.—ಜನಗಳಿಂದ ಲೇವಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡ ನಂತರ ತಹಶೀದಾರರು ಅವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಲೇವಿಯನ್ನು ಸೀಜ್ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಅವರು ಲೇವಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. Hon. Member Sri Sarwesh has already furnished the Press reports. We have already asked the Deputy Commissioner and the Divisional Commissioner, Gulbarga, to look into the matter and investigate thoroughly. The moment their report comes to us, we will take necessary action.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—It is feared that the Divisional Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner or any other local officer will not be able to find out the truth because of the fact that all of them and the officials against whom complaints are made, are of the same community and there will be affinity. Will the Government appoint a separate enquiry officer?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—The fears of the hon. Member are only imaginary. Unless the hon. Member could prove his suspicions, it has to be inferred that they all come from his imagination. Simply because the Member suspects affinity, we cannot ask somebody else to take up the enquiry. It is not possible for the Government to change the enquiry officer according to the wishes of the hon. Member.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Is it not a fact that four to five persons of Kadlapura had given a complaint on 7th January 1969, addressed to the Revenue Minister and copied to the Divisional Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner and the local M.L.A. to the effect that they were handcuffed even after they paid the levy and that they were harassed by the Tahsildar? If that is so, is it not sufficient ground to suspend the Tahsildar from service and hold an inquiry against him in his absence?

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—Three telegrams have been sent to the Chief Minister. We have immediately asked the Deputy Commissioner and the Divisional Commissioner to look into the matter. With regard to what the hon. Member said about handcuffing and some such things, we have already asked a superior Police Officer to look into the matter. It was reported to us that the persons concerned were a bit violent and that therefore there was necessity to handcuff the accused persons.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—It is very unfortunate that agriculturists are being called violent and corrupt, and Officials are being called non-violent and honest and are being shielded. Is it democracy to ill-treat and harass agriculturists and poor people?

Mr. SPEAKER.—No speech is allowed during question hour. The Member may put a specific question.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—In order to see that a corrupt officer is not shielded and confidence is created among the agriculturists, this officer must be forthwith transferred to another district and a fair enquiry must be conducted. Handcuffing is not a thing which should be resorted to in democracy.

Sri B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—My friend says that the officer concerned is corrupt. Except that he says that he is corrupt there is no specific charge. It is not proved. That he is corrupt is only in his imagination. I understand that the seized paddy has been taken by the accused persons by force and therefore the police had to interfere. It appears to me that they were handcuffed because the accused persons showed some kind of violence.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ.—ರೇವಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಈಗಿರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಕಾನೂನು ಮತ್ತು ಅವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೆ, ಇದರ ಒಂದು ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ಅವಿದ್ಯಾವಂತ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟ ಬರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದರಿಂದ ಈ ರೇವಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನು ವಜಾ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

SRI B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—That is a policy matter which will be considered.

ಶ್ರೀ ಅಜೀಜ್‌ಸೇಟ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಆಹಾರ ಶಾಖೆಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು ರೇವಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ನು ವಿರೋಧ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಜನರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹಿಂದೆ ಪೋಲೀಸರು ಜಬರ್ದಸ್ತು ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಇದೇ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ರಾಜೀನಾಮೆ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ತಯಾರಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಈಗ ಈ ಮನೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಮತೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಗುರಾಮರ ಮಾತಿಗೆ ಬೆರೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದರಿಂದ ರಾಜೀನಾಮೆ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಡಬಾರದು ?

SRI B. VITHALDAS SHETTY.—The circumstances in the two cases are entirely different.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ರಾಜಯ್ಯ (ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಶಾಖೆಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಗುರಾಮರು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಅದು ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಅಜೀಜ್‌ಸೇಟ್.—ನೀವೂ ಕೂಡ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಗುರಾಮರೇ. ಇದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಅನೇಕ ಸಲ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇನೆ.

MR. SPEAKER.—Next question.

(Several Members were standing and simultaneously speaking)

MR. SPEAKER.—The most important thing is to keep order in the House, secondly to respect the rules and thirdly to respect the decisions of the Chair. I have called the next question and I am not going to permit the hon. Members to put supplementaries on the previous question.

SRI AZIZ SAIT.—I want the Chair to hear us patiently. This is a matter where democracy is concerned. I request the Chair to allow the Chief Minister to give a firm assurance in this behalf. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ರೆಪ್ರಸೆಂಟೇಟಿವ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಚೀಫ್ ಮಿನಿಸ್ಟರ್ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಎಲ್ಲೆಂಝೆ ಪಾಟೀಲರವರು ಇಲ್ಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನ್ಯಾಯವಾಗಿ ಏನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೋ ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿ ಇಲ್ಲ ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಎಲ್ಲೆಂಝೆ ಪಾಟೀಲರವರು ಇಂತಹ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬೇಗ ತಕ್ಕ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಮೂಲಕ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಈ ತಹಶೀಲುದಾರರು ಬಹುಶಃ ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಹೆದರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಮತ್ತು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಸೂಪರಿಂಟೆಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಆಫ್ ಪೋಲೀಸರಂತೆ ವರ್ತಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಜನತೆಗೆ ಹಿಂಸೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ ಅದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI S. SIVAPPA.—No doubt, you have called the next question. We know your difficulty. Now that this matter has created so much of heat in the House, I request the concerned Minister to make a statement on it after the Question Hour.

MR. SPEAKER.—Let something be given to me in writing and I shall permit it at the end of the day and not now.

† **SRI VEERENDRA PATIL** (Chief Minister).—It appears they do not want any statement to be made now. They want an impartial enquiry to be held. The concerned member of the constituency had come to me and made a representation and then I assured him that if he gave a written representation, I would get it enquired into by a special officer. If necessary, I am prepared to send a special officer from here itself.

As it is we have already asked the Divisional Commissioner to enquire into this matter and make a report. We have not yet received his report. If the hon. Members feel that some officer from Bangalore should go there, I am prepared to concede that and I am prepared to send an officer from here and make enquiries and give his report. But let them make a representation first in writing so that we may know what are the allegations. If they feel that whatever they have said here on this question should be treated as allegation against that officer, it may not be sufficient. Whatever may be the allegation, let them give a representation in writing, giving the specific allegations against that officer. I will depute one of our good officers from here to go to the spot and make enquiries and submit his report. By the time when we meet next I will be in a position to make a statement or answer any question on the matter.

SRI V. N. PATIL.—We are thankful to the Chief Minister and we welcome his statement. But our only request is that pending such enquiry that officer must be removed from that place and he must be transferred to some other place.

SRI M. NAGAPPA.—I want to bring to the notice of the Chief Minister that we 3 or 4 M.L.A.s have already sent a petition in writing. So a petition is already there and I do not think any other petition is necessary. If the Chief Minister thinks that another petition is necessary we are prepared to give. We are satisfied with the statement of the Chief Minister that he would depute a senior officer to go to the spot and make enquiries and report. I request that immediate action may be taken in this matter.

Theft in a temple in Chicknalkanahalli

24. **SRI C. K. RAJAI AH SHETTY** (Chicknayakanahally).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

- (a) whether there was a theft of golden jewels and idols in Temple of Siddarameshwar of Chiknayakanahalli Town ;
- (b) if so, the value of the stolen property ;
- (c) how far the action of investigation has progressed ?

SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

- (a) Yes, there was a theft of cash and jewels and not of idols.
- (b) Estimated at Rs. 25,400.